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POLL SHOWS STUDENTS WANT FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES

By Pat Elero

The results of the Fraternity-Sorority poll are in and have been tabulated. The main thing that the poll shows is that CCP students are of a party-minded nature, but never let it be said that they are extravagant party-goers by any means.

452 members of the student body were asked whether they would join either a social or a service fraternity or sorority and how much they would be willing to spend per school year to cover the expenses. On the whole the boys were found to be more socially inclined than the girls, but the girls were more willing to join service organizations. Of the girls that were asked, 67.3% said they would join a social sorority, and 49.7% said they would join a service sorority. 75.9% of the

boys said they would join a social fraternity, and 48.1% said they would join a service fraternity. To summarize these results, 71.7% of the students polled would join a social fraternity or sorority and 46.6% would join a service fraternity or sorority.

As far as the average cost students would be willing to pay to cover the expenses of a fraternity or a sorority, the girls were more frugal than the boys. The boys seemed to have a clearer and more realistic view of the high cost of these organizations. The girls were willing to spend an average of \$23.12 per school year to cover the costs, and the boys were willing to spend an average of \$31.44 per school year to cover the costs.

The poll was taken by continued on page 3

DEAN CLARIFIES DRESS POLICY

On December 8, Dean Sherwood stated that the administration plans, at present, to add nothing to the already existing policy as stated in the handbook regarding dress regulations. Dean Sherwood assures students that the administration will stand behind any student who believes an extremely unjust code of dress is being imposed upon him by a faculty member. He also added that the administration will back any teacher who imposes any code which will further the academic and vocational education of a student.

If any student feels that he is being treated unjustly, he should talk to the teacher imposing the policy. If he still continued on page 3

A student body meeting on December 15 voted to approve the Social Committee's suggestion to send the Holiday Dance profits to the U.S.C.

STUDENTS HOLD HOLIDAY DANCE

A Holiday Dance will be held at CCP on Friday, December 17, from 8 to 12 P.M. It is sponsored by the social committee which has decided to give the proceeds of this dance to the USC. The atmosphere will be livened up with music by the VIP'S. The committee also has other surprises in store for us. Tickets will be sold at the door, and no one will continued on page 4

PRE-REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 3

By Faith Catrambone

Mrs. Lynn Dalla, Recorder, announced that pre-registration will be held during the week of January 3rd. Students will be assigned a day to register.

Selection forms will be available the last week of school (December 15-17). Students are advised to plan a program for the next semester. When they have made out their roster cards, they must get it signed by their advisors. These roster cards, as well as the selections forms, will be available at the switchboard (the large round desk in the lobby). Students must see their advisors and get their cards signed before Friday.

When classes start again in January, students will bring their roster with them on registration day. Students will register at the registration counter, the long table in front of the admissions office. This registration will insure enrollment. As classes close, during registration, the information will be posted on bulletin boards. When the new semester starts students will pick up the certificate of registration.

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EDITORIAL

DRESS CODE

The majority of CCP students dress neatly and appropriately, yet some faculty members consider it necessary to initiate a dress code for our school. College is supposedly an institution which teaches the student to think for himself and to gain a greater knowledge and understanding of his world. A dress code dictated to the students by a few faculty members is not consistent with the idea of freedom of thought.

The instigators of this dress code assume that the Secretarial students are a unique group which needs its own code of dress. The faculty is forgetting one important fact: the girls in the Secretarial course are not secretaries; they are college students. As such, they should be permitted to dress in the same manner as the rest of the school.

The students do appreciate that the faculty takes an interest in student affairs. We ask, however, that the faculty control its zeal when it comes to dictating to us on non-academic matters.

MONEY FOR U.S.O.

There is a great deal of confusion surrounding the donation of the profits of the Holiday Dance to the U.S.O. When the Social Committee made this decision, they did not anticipate any opposition from the student body. However, when some students questioned the right of the Social Committee to disburse student funds, an open meeting of the student body was called. At this meeting it was voted to send the profits to the U.S.O. for use in Viet Nam.

In earmarking the funds for soldiers in Viet Nam, the Social Committee was not expressing favor or disfavor towards the war in Viet Nam. To quote a member of the Social Committee, "Our boys are over there and there's nothing we can do about it. We're just trying to make things a little easier for them."

The Social Committee realized that there are many charities and organizations which would appreciate more funds. It was noted at the meeting, however, that the men in Viet Nam are closer to us because many are our age, and some are even friends or relatives. This is our way of saying "Merry Christmas" to them.

SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM THE
STAFF

NEWSPAPER STAFF

Editor-in-Chief.....Eleanor Snite
Copy Editor.....Phyllis Kaplan
News Editors.....Ed Bauman and Mitch Kleinman
Feature Editor.....Paula Holtzman
Business Managers.....Rich Dougert and John McFall
Reporters.....John Gunn, George Thomas, Serge

Kotar, Emil Palladino, Sigrid
Bigelow, Sandy Chierici, Melinda
Mayne, John Flagello, Robert
Shumelman, Linda DeCesare, Linda
Oswell, Roseann DeAngelis, Dorcas
Alexander.

Faculty Advisor.....Robin Biggs

The exam schedule should be ready by the week of January 3. It will be distributed to all students.

LIBRARY TO OPEN IN FEBRUARY

By Serge Kotar

Mr. Jack L. Gotlobe, the school librarian, reports that the library will be open in time for the new semester. Work is being completed on the physical facilities located on the first floor on the Eleventh Street side of the college. Prior to the official opening, the faculty will be given a week to examine the collection as a whole, which will not be possible once it is open to circulation.

The primary purpose of the library will be to supplement and extend educational opportunities in the courses presently offered. Mr. Gotlobe expressed the hope that the library will become an information source for both students and faculty. All material required for term papers, research projects or supplementary reading should be available. If for some reason, this is not the case, the library staff will do their best to acquire the material needed.

The library staff will also aid students and faculty in gathering general information. Technical reports and various types of statistical data will be supplied through books, periodicals and files assembled for that purpose.

Established with the expressed purpose of contributing actively to the broad educational experience of CCP students during their stay at the college, the library is also designed to provide the necessary experience in using library resources to those who expect to transfer to four year schools.

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his schedule posted outside his office.

The registration schedule is as follows:
Students whose last names begin with:

A-C January 3
D-H January 4
I-M January 5
N-S January 6
T-Z January 7

Registration desk will open daily from 9-5. Any student who cannot register on the designated day must wait until January



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT CCP

By Bob O'Kane

When one thinks of the "Wheels of Government" one does not normally think of speed. Such is the case of our Student Government-the wheels are turning, so slowly. We asked Steve Marusak (Chairman of the Student Government Association) to explain the work presently being done on the constitution and why things appear to be moving so slowly. He listed four wheel-coggers: (1) Poor attendance at SGA meeting; (2) Adopting a constitution to a two year college; (3) Slow response from other colleges concerning constitutions; and (4) Writing a constitution that will serve 700 students now and 10,000 students five years hence.

The work is still going on, but at present we can envision a Student Congress composed of an elected representative from every English class in the school. This unit would weigh the merits of any student proposals and serve as a mode of communication among the faculty, student body and extracurricular activities.

There will also be a Student Senate, a smaller group composed of Representatives from all departments. This will be in accordance with the size of the department- viz. Arts and Sciences with 500 students might have five Representatives, Business with 200 might have two, Secretarial with 100 would have one and so on. This Senate is vital to harmony among the students, faculty, and administration. These concepts have originated thus far; the details are still being worked out in Student Government.

CLARIFICATION OF DRESS CODE

(Continued from page 1) cannot understand its value to him, a faculty advisor or counselor might be able to aid him in solving the problem. After these means have been exhausted, the administration will aid in the problem, if it still exists.

The Dean reminds us that the administration hopes that students will

EXCHANGE

By Paula Holtzman

November 30, 1965, has been called, "the most historic day in the 31-year history of the school" by The Temple News. The school then became state-affiliated, and, to the joy of all concerned, the tuition was dropped from \$920 to \$450 per year. On November 30, at 1:50 p.m., Governor Scranton signed the bill, as Temple's President Gladfelter and many of the bill's co-sponsors looked on. Traditionally, those near by received pens used by Scranton when he affixed his signature.

Temple's second dramatic production this semester, Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors", was presented December 9, 10, and 11 in Hitten Hall.

At the annual fall sports banquet of the Owl's Varsity Club, Doctor Gladfelter announced that a seven million dollar field house is scheduled to be built. The building will include a 4,300 seat arena for basketball and wrestling, two olympic-size swimming pools and a diving well. The building will include also several fully equipped gyms, faculty lounges, and classrooms.

Temple students recently began to correspond with servicemen in Viet Nam. The GI's really appreciate operation Mail Call Viet Nam. In a letter, Sgt. Gary Steward said, "It's nice to know our people in the States are thinking of us over here...it really helps a lot to get mail over here."

Classes are now being suspended at Drexel, so that students may cram for final exams--which are scheduled for this week.

dressing and grooming, which should reflect the high degree of self-respect expected of people who aspire to be responsible in the business and professional community.

He wonders if all students are informed enough about the business and professional community to be able to dress accord-

POLL RESULTS

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the members of the newspaper staff. The names of the students that were asked were put on one sheet of paper, and the answers were put on another sheet. The sheets were then separated and the names were checked against a master student list in order to prevent any repetition or pseudonyms of any kind. Over thirty names were eliminated, two of which were Cazzie Russell and Joe Scarpati.

All courses of study were well represented in the poll. The students were found to be most cooperative and understanding in their answering of the question. The newspaper staff is most grateful to the Student Body for their help in this magnanimous task.

LITERARY CLUB ANNOUNCES OFFICERS

In a meeting of the literary magazine staff on Tuesday December 7, temporary officers volunteered their services. Diane Ashton and Dennis Hart are the co-editors, Susan Love is the secretary, and ReCarter Harper the business manager.

The magazine is going to raise funds by selling ads in their annual issue. When the magazine comes out sometime in May, there will be a nominal sur charged. There will also be another contest to chose a cover for the magazine. There will be two executive boards; an editorial board for the business aspects of the publication, and a literary board which will decide on the articles to be printed. Miss Ashton said that two or three faculty members will be asked to join this board.

There have already been some promising articles handed in. Mrs. Chang remarked that as soon as possible there will be a permanent box so that anyone interested may drop in their contributions. There is the possibility that guest writers' contributions may appear in the magazine. Anyone interested in further information should contact one of the officers.

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STUDENT RECEIVES LETTER FROM VIET NAM

The following letter of thanks came this month from An Khe, Viet Nam to Diane Ashton, a student in the Arts and Sciences program. The message of gratitude was in return for a Christmas card sent by Miss Ashton through "Mail Call, Viet Nam," a local project to send holiday greetings to U.S. servicemen in that area.

Dear Miss Diane Ashton,

Thank you sincerely for the letter I received tonight (Mail Call, V.N.). You can't realize how much it means to myself and the other guys to get a letter from someone who cares we're here. Now we know that all college students don't demonstrate and burn draft cards.

We just got back from a firing mission near Plei Me today. We didn't get hit too hard. I think we only lost seven guys. I suppose we shook Charlie Cong up, at least I hope so.

...Over here the leaves never turn color and it's at least 90° every day.

Whew, and the bugs they've got over here. I swear they could carry a man away. There is a saying "If it's a plant, it has thorns; if it's an animal, it's poison."

I guess I better stop now and try to get some sleep. Chase the bugs and other unwelcome visitors out of my foxhole and hope it doesn't rain. Thanks again for the Christmas card.

SP/4 Prowitt

HOLIDAY DANCE

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be admitted after 11 P.M.

This committee is also looking ahead to some type of semi-formal. The time has not yet been established since both committee and administration must agree. Plans for a Christmas semi-formal were turned down by the Dean

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

The Community College of Philadelphia is a school not yet enhanced with a character of its own. Our ideals seem to stress those of a society dedicated to democratic liberalism and full rights for all, and it is for this reason that I am against having a system of private ethnically oriented fraternities in our college.

The fraternity system, so strong during times past, seems now to be dying out slowly but surely. Now more than ever, we need a strengthening of man's common bonds of brotherhood, and it is my belief that the fraternity system pulls these bonds loose and weakens the ideals we are hopefully striving for.

The fraternity is an organization dedicated to, (among other more worthy causes) discrimination. Now, no one is advocating a complete disassociation with one's ethnic origin, but I do not feel that an official system of fraternities, those that allow in only "certain" people with reference to their cultural backgrounds, race or religion is the answer to our social dilemma.

Grouping together into specific social groups will weaken the power of student organization in a small junior college such as ours, and the establishment of a fraternity system will create gaps and cause animosity among our student body. Let's keep our student body strong and whole regardless of our various backgrounds, and in so doing I believe we'll all begin to understand our fellow students and ourselves that much better.

Joshua F. Cohen

U.S.O.

I don't know who came up with the suggestion to donate the proceeds of our Mixer to the U.S.O., but it certainly was a thoughtful suggestion.

Having been personally connected with the U.S.O. for some four years, I know the great importance of this organization to

us only think of the U.S.O. when we see the Bob Hope U.S.O. tours at Christmas; however, those boys are out there 365 days a year, doing the most important job in the world, keeping us free.

These funds that we are donating won't have any great impact on the budget of the U.S.O., but every penny will be put to good use for the benefit of "our boys" for some of the comforts of home.

I guess that we all pay particular attention to the armed services in time of crisis. However, do we ever think of the lonely G.I. spending his first Christmas far from family and friend, or maybe his girl? The U.S.O. can't take him home, but it can help bring a little bit of home to him. The choice made by CCP was a good one, and I'm sure it will be met with heart-felt thanks by our servicemen.

J. A. Flagello

DRESS REGULATIONS

These restrictions infringe on our personal liberty. We are at an age where we know how and what to wear. We attend this college because we want to better our minds, not our fashion wardrobes.

To the faculty members who impose these rules we wish to say that this is our school, not the faculty's and, in all due respect, we are the ones to make the laws and see to it that they are carried out. Therefore, we urge the student government to refuse any offers of dress regulations in our constitution.

The History Club

STUDENTS FORM SKI CLUB

On Tuesday, December 14, the CCP Ski Club held its first general meeting. A number of students and teachers were present. Plans are being made for a one day outing and a late season weekend trip. Future notices will be posted on the second floor bulletin board.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL 1965

By Edd McDevitt

Walking down Market Street last July fourth, I was approached by an aging gent (age about 900) who was wearing a dirty white T-shirt (with spaghetti-stains), red swim trunks with white fur around the legs. His ravishing ensemble was completed by a white beard and a mop that made the Beatles look like marine recruits. Well, anyway, this joker holds out a glass bottomed pewter mug (empty of course) and begins to give me some cock and bull story about eight starving reindeer. What the ~~hell~~ is this, was my startled reply. Looking as though I had stabbed him in the back, he retorted, with unbelievable sincerity and dramatics, "My dear man, where is your Christmas spirit?"

"Christmas??" said I. To which he replied, "Look about you. Christmas is in the air." This guy is a NUT, I was thinking. It's 94° and he's telling me Christmas is in the air. Ch well, I'll humor him. Well! What do you see," he asked again. One of Philadelphia's finest, ticketing an illegally parked sleigh," I replied.

"Not that, stupid," he retorted, rather angrily. "Look again."

STORY OF THE

FIRST CHRISTMAS

By Elisa Bongiovanni

The idea of a Christmas tree at CCP was planted quite a few weeks ago at a lunch table. Bob O'Kane, the quiet fellow with a smile, received the ultimate in acceptance when he suggested decking the halls. Quickly I entered into a 'treeship' with Bob and then into Mrs. Grip's office. Permission was granted.

The story from here on is one of Bob's success. He secured the tree from Atlantic Refining Oil where he works part time, and the Chestnut Street Businessmen's Association who aided Bob in securing the medallions and decorations. All tree ornaments were donated by Folland's Furniture Store and A. Pan-

So I did. My amazement at what I beheld was expressed through a staccato of colloquial verbiage, which flushed the face of a passing sailor. To this day, I don't believe what I saw. All the fine stores in the "city of Brotherly Love" had completed putting up their Christmas decorations and one sign read, "Only twelve more red clover, days 'til Christmas."

I was startled, befuddled, and declassified---what was happening to me? Was Allen Funt playing games? Maybe I was the star of a Rod Serling teleplay. I closed my eyes, and when I opened them the old boy was standing with his U of P pewter mug and a questioning look.

"O.K.," I screamed, "Here's a finn, go pay your parking ticket," I broke into a run, and kept running until I was at my mother's apron strings, telling her of my adventure. She wouldn't believe me. My father wouldn't believe me. Dr. Spock said, "Sure son, I believe you." But he didn't. And to play with the words of Holden Caulfield, "Things will be different, when I get out of here next month, you'll see."

FOREIGN NEWS

Translated by W. Condron

The second conference of the association of the universities which speak French, either partially or entirely, took place at Geneva, Switzerland from September twenty-seventh to October first, under the leadership of Monsieur Bernard Gagnebin, Dean of the Faculty of Letters. The theme of the conference was "Libraries within the University-Their Problems Today and Tomorrow." There were representatives from more than thirty universities. Among some of the speakers were Madame Etienne Dennerly, Director General of the libraries of France, and representing the Ministry of National Education; also speaking was Marcel Bouchard, Rector of the University of Dijon and Vice-President of the association.

CHOIR TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The unofficial director of the school choir, Ronald Dixon, will have the school choir caroling in the mezzanine December 16, from twelve thirty to one o'clock. The choir will sing a medley of Christmas carols, from "Deck the Halls" to "The Hallelujah Chorus." The choir, having no piano sings a cappella.

Since October, the choir has been meeting for rehearsals at twelve o'clock, four days a week. Dixon stated that if the choir could get an official director and a piano, its program would function more smoothly.

SUPERFISH STRIKES BACK!

By Dennis Joyce

The latest word to reach this desk on the Ecumenical Council is that Roman Catholics are no longer required to abstain from meat on Fridays. Our informer in Rome says that the word is not yet official, but he is expecting verification any day now.

Meanwhile, repercussions are taking place all over the world. Here at CCP, the vending service people expect a drastic decline in cheese sandwich sales. We also understand that it has raised quite a controversy in Washington. Hundreds of lobbyists representing the fishing industry have arrived in that city. They are expected to push for the introduction in Congress of a "Meatless Friday" bill.

Atworth Farraday Blussle, President of Wonder Fish Company, ("If it's a good fish, it's a Wonder") said in an interview a few days ago that his company is prepared to take its fight "All the way to the Supreme Court." This writer, however, suggests a more appropriate course of action. The fishing industry should announce plans for an ecumenical council of their own, and invite prominent people from the meat



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As of this date, the Government Committee sees a unicameral government. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who will be elected at large by the student body. There will also be fifteen representatives elected departmentally on a percentage basis. These later students will compose the Senate "which shall legislate on all matters regulating student activities not academic in nature..."

The student government members will be in office from September to June. They will be elected from our sophomore class. Our first election will be an exception to this rule. Officers will be elected in February of 1966 and their term of office will terminate in June of the same year. This will facilitate the smooth transition of office in the coming years.